



A word from the Stuttgart Station Manager

I would like to thank everyone who planned and participated in the recent Recognition Ceremony. It's always fun to have a chance to say thank you by way of certificates and awards. We try to say thank you directly and often during the year with words, increased responsibilities and training opportunities. But it's nice to gather together as a Red Cross family and share special memories. For the first time since I arrived almost a year ago, all of those assigned to this location are here at the same time. When I arrived, Eric Ingram was in Afghanistan,

soon followed by Chad Magnuson being deployed to Iraq. Heather Haiss did an awesome job as a back-fill, moving from a Field Office Assistant role to an Assistant Station Manager Reserve. Now Heather has stepped back into her position of Health and Safety Services Chairman, while Eric and Chad have re-joined Cindy and I in the main office. I know we keep the minds spinning of our volunteer leadership with all of our movements!! My deepest thanks go to my partner and friend, Carolyn VanAntwerp. She is dedicated and passionate about

everything that happens here in the Stuttgart Red Cross. She truly understands the importance of our mission, and is a driving force in achieving and surpassing all of our goals. When things go well, and run smoothly, it is because we are a team. Thank you!  
*Kathleen Butler*  
*Station Manager*

Be a Super Babysitter !!!

If you are at least 14 years old, you can sign up for the Red Cross Super Babysitter Training Course. The March course starts 6/21. Call the Red Cross NOW to sign up!

Thank You, Red Cross Volunteers—

A Message from Mary H. DeKuyper, National Chair of Volunteers.

April 18-24 is National Volunteer Week, a time to recognize the contributions of American Red Cross Volunteers. You did an exceptional job this year. Together, we responded to 71,647 disasters, trained almost 12 million people in lifesaving skills, exchanged more than a million emergency messages for U.S. military service personnel and their families and supplied more than 3,000 hospitals with blood and blood products. You can be proud of the work you've done for your communities, and to help the people living in them.

Something that particularly pleases me is to know that, for most of you, volunteering at the Red Cross is a rewarding experience. In this year's volunteer satisfaction survey, 97 percent of you agreed that the Red Cross is an excellent place to volunteer, and that your volunteer job gives you a sense of accomplishment. Ninety-eight percent said you would recommend volunteering at the Red Cross to a friend. Those data are terrific!

The theme for this year's National Volunteer Week is *Inspire by Example*. Red Cross volunteers do that every day. I thank each of you for doing so.

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# Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

On April 11, the Stuttgart Area Red Cross honored local volunteers during a luncheon at the Community Center on Patch Barracks. Volunteers were treated to lunch, a raffle for prizes donated by area sponsors, and an awards ceremony.

## Stuttgart Area Special Awards

### Exceptional Volunteer Service

The Exceptional Volunteer Service Award is awarded to volunteers who make outstanding contributions to Red Cross programs and services which advance the involvement of volunteers.

- Debra Ortegon, Chairman of Volunteers
- Helen Stergius, Publicity Chairman

### Station Chairman Special Achievement

The Station Chairman 's Special Achievement Award is awarded to individuals who provide significant volunteer service by displaying exceptional customer service, teamwork and leadership skills.

- Paul Sklar, Retiree Volunteer
- Ursula Hahn, Casework Chairman
- Andy Knef, Instructor

### Friends of the Red Cross

A Friends of the Red Cross Award is awarded to a group who makes extraordinary team commitments to an identifiable project that meets a community need.

- Retiree Support Center

## Community Awards

### Good Neighbor Award

The Good Neighbor Award is awarded to an individual or group who makes a significant humanitarian contribution and demonstrates exceptional initiative in identifying and meeting a community need.

- 6<sup>th</sup> Area Support Group

### Philos Award

The Philos Award is awarded to an individual or group who exemplifies the spirit of charitable giving and made a significant gift which in turn motivated other contributions.

- Stuttgart Community Spouses Club

### Volunteer Fund Raiser of the Year Award

The Volunteer Fund Raiser of the Year Award is awarded to a Red Cross unit or individual who demonstrated success in meeting or exceeding fundraising goals and displayed exceptional leadership during fund raising efforts.

- Colleen Kohler

## National Headquarters Awards

### Armed Forces Emergency Services (AFES) Award

The AFES Award is awarded for implementing innovative ways of meeting needs of customers and making outstanding contributions that strengthen Armed Forces Emergency Services.

- Heather Haiss

### Tiffany Award for Employee Excellence

The Tiffany Award promotes and recognizes superior job performance demonstrated by employees of the American Red Cross.

- Cindy Reuter-Kiesewetter

## Paid Staff Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge that the American Red Cross has heroes that are not shown on CNN.

- Eric Ingram who deployed to Bagram, Afghanistan from April through September 2003.
- Chad Magnuson who served at Baghdad, Iraq from August 2003 through March 2004.

### **The Retiree Support Center A Friend of the Red Cross**

**Encouragement:** You never know when a moment and a few sincere words can have an impact on a life.

**Enthusiasm:** Nothing good or great can be done in the absence of enthusiasm.

**Giving:** The measure of life is not its duration, but its donation.

When Encouragement, Enthusiasm, and Giving are all used together one organization comes to mind—**The Retiree Support Center.**

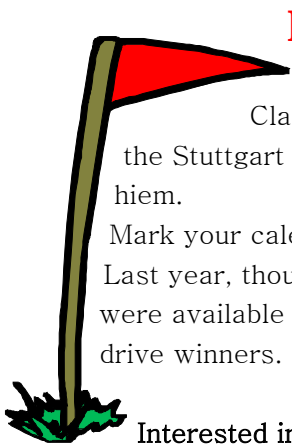
The American Red Cross presented an award to the Retiree Support Center, the “**Friends of the Red Cross**” award. The Retiree Support Center offers so much to the Stuttgart retiree community and sometimes I think “we,” the community, may or may not give back to the retirees as we should.

I hope that when “we,” the people, are in our golden years “we,” the people, still have folks like the retirees working on our behalf. This special group of folks offers encouragement when it seems encouragement is lacking, They have enthusiasm in the job they do, and give more than just their time—they give themselves.

I am honored and very pleased to have such a wonderful group as “Friends of the Red Cross.”

Keep in mind that our time is right around the corner and we can all use friends like the Retiree Support Center working for us.

*Carolyn Van Antwerp  
Stuttgart Red Cross  
Station Chairman*



**FORE (warning)!**

The 2004 Red Cross Golf Classic will be on Labor Day at the Stuttgart Golf Course in Kornwestheim. Mark your calendars and start practicing. Last year, thousands of dollars in prizes were available for holes-in-one and longest drive winners.

Interested in helping?

We are now moving from the planning stages to actually completing tasks. We are meeting on Tuesday, April 20, to finalize both the sponsor request letter and list of potential donors.

Currently we need volunteers to help out with the donation committee and volunteers with experience playing in or planning golf tournaments to help with tournament logistics. If you are interested in volunteering for the donation committee or would like to help out in any other way, please contact Chad Magnuson or Eric Ingram.

**Advisory Council Meeting Schedule**

11 May, 2004  
8 June, 2004  
11:00 am  
Stuttgart Red Cross Office

**Red Cross Youth Program**

The Stuttgart American Red Cross is developing a Red Cross Youth Program. Red Cross Youth Programs focus on activities that will help young people build skills, exercise leadership, form relationships with peers and caring adults, and help their communities.

**We need adult and youth volunteers from the Stuttgart Community to make it happen—especially youth.**

The first activity for the teenagers will be planning and holding elections for Youth Red Cross President, Vice President, Secretary, Records Chairman, Publicity Chairman, and Education Chairman.

Once the core leadership has been formed, the group will then decide their own plan of action—what activities they would like to participate in, what direction the group will take, and how to discover and fulfill needs in the Stuttgart Community.

This is a great opportunity for young people to develop leadership skills, serve their community, and learn how to create an organization from the ground up.

If you are a teenager (or know one!) that is interested in helping lead and create the Stuttgart Red Cross Youth Program, please call Carolyn Van Antwerp at the Stuttgart Red Cross.

**Red Cross People**

**Advisory Council Members**

- Station Chairman – Carolyn VanAntwerp
- Senior Advisor – Colleen Kohler
- Chairman of Volunteers – Debra R. Ortegon
- Casework Chairman – Dr. Ursula Hahn
- Clinic Chairman – June Jones
- Financial Chairman – David Beckner
- Health & Safety Chairman – Heather Haiss
- Mail Room Chairman – James W. Johnson
- Publicity Chairman – Helen Stergius

- 6ASG Liaison – Joe Moscone
- Chaplain Liaison – Robert Quigley
- Patch Medical Clinic Liaison – LTC Benckart
- Patch Dental Clinic Liaison – Dr. Commean
- ACS Liaison – Keita Franklin
- MARFOREUR – MSgt Roach
- NSWU-2 Admin – Chief Bennion
- Retiree Center Liaison – Alan Horwedel

Congratulations to Stuttgart ASM Eric Ingram  
He married his fiancé Cristina Bodisteanu on March 4!

**New Volunteer and Paid Staff Members**

- Ed Jurak, who was a casework volunteer, has been hired onto the after-hours crew.
- **Brandon Beach** joined the after-hours crew in December.
- **Heather Haiss** recently completed her temporary paid assignment and has returned to volunteer duty as the Health and Safety Services Chairman.
- New volunteers in January: **Debra Ortegon**, Chairman of Volunteers; **Ursula Hahn**, Casework Chairman; **June Jones**, Patch Clinic Chairman; and **Triada Cross** and **Andres O. Ortegon**.
- New volunteers in February: **Ed Jurak**, AFES; **Yohanna Pinto**, Vet Clinic; **Gemma Haas**, Volunteer; **Thomas MacFarlane**, Caseworker.
- New volunteers in March: **Kimon Pugh**, Mailroom; **Jennifer Parrish**, Volunteer; **Thomas Newton**, Caseworker.

Welcome back Stuttgart ASM Chad Magnuson  
He has recently returned from his deployment in Iraq.

J. Suggs will marry his fiancé, Jacky, in May. Best Wishes!



## Take Me Home!

Inside you'll find:

- Volunteer opportunities!
- New class schedule!

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## Volunteer Leadership Opportunities—is there one right for you?

The Stuttgart Red Cross is conducting interviews for leadership positions. These are all volunteer positions, however their requirements can be as demanding as a paid career.

If you are looking for challenging volunteer work to expand or enhance your existing career skills—one of these positions may be perfect for you.

Please contact Carolyn Van Antwerp at the Stuttgart Red Cross to apply.

### Health and Safety Deputy

The Health and Safety Deputy is responsible for managing administrative tasks for the Health and Safety Chairman. Duties include database and records maintenance. A successful applicant will have data entry and administrative experience. This is a volunteer position, requiring 4-6 hours per week in the Red Cross office on Panzer Kaserne.

### Adult Youth Advisor

The Adult Youth Advisor is an adult who will help us develop and implement our youth program in the Stuttgart Community. The exact requirements and job description are TBD, but experience with youth and service organizations are a plus. Initial time requirement is 6-10 hours a month, potentially more as the program develops.

## Course Schedule—April through June

### ARC Volunteer Orientation

Panzer Classroom, Free

5/11 1300—1430

6/8 1300—1430

### Community First Aid and Safety

Panzer Classroom, \$30

4/24 0800—1600

5/22 0800—1600

6/26 0800—1600

### Adult CPR / AED with First Aid

Panzer Classroom, \$30

5/4 and 5/6 1800—2130

### Super Babysitter Training

Panzer Classroom, \$35

4 sessions per class:

6/21, 6/22, 6/23, 6/24

1530—1830

### Infant and Child CPR

Panzer Classroom, \$30

4/20 and 4/22 1800—2130

5/11 and 5/13 1800—2130

6/22 and 6/24 1800—2130

### New Instructor FIT with Advanced Adult/

### Infant/Child CPR, AED, and First Aid

Panzer Classroom, \$70

Call for next class dates and times.

\* The New Instructor FIT class is the first step to becoming a Red Cross Instructor.

## Volunteers Needed

- Secretary
- Awards, Recognition Chairman
- Instructors
- Caseworkers
- Youth Program Leaders

## Youth—Volunteer!

We need some motivated high school students to help get our Youth Program up and running. Gain valuable leadership experience and service hours by participating in this unique program—you have the chance to shape an organization and see it grow.

Call Carolyn Van Antwerp at the Stuttgart Red Cross to volunteer or ask questions.

### Sign up for Super Babysitter Training

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